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Applicant: Craig A. Nelson et al.

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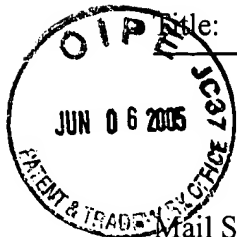
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
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Page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated March 28, 2005 states that the allowed claims are 10-30 and includes various assertions concerning aspects of the claims. Without acquiescing to the veracity of the various assertions, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims may be allowable for one or more reasons in addition to and/or in alternative to those reasons identified in the Notice of Allowability.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is not a faithful recitation or accurate paraphrase of the noted claims. For example, the claims do not explicitly refer to "steps of" or "means for."

Additionally, the Notice of Allowability refers to "prior art," however Applicants do not make any admissions regarding the prior-art status of any document in the record of the application. Instead, Applicants regard such documents as only being "of record."

In particular, Applicants respectfully submit that the Notice of Allowability may be unclear and unduly limiting of the claimed subject matter. Among other things, the Notice of Allowability appears to unnecessarily emphasize selected aspects of the claims in contrast to the precept that the claims are to be read as a whole.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims should speak for themselves, and that the scope of the claims should not be limited in any way by the Notice of Allowability. Applicants reserve the right to further address one or more aspects of the Notice of Allowability as may later be necessary or desirable.

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The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (612) 373-6911 if there are any questions regarding this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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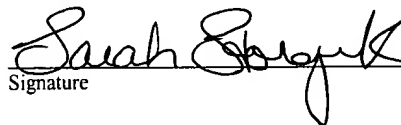
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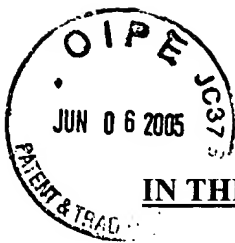
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